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EX-AIDE BLAMES DODD IN BILLING

Says Any Double Payment Was on Senator's Order

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WASHINGTON, July 27—Michael V. O'Hare, a former aide of Senator Thomas J. Dodd, denied today the Senator's charge that he had been responsible for any double billing of Mr. Dodd's air travel expenses.

Mr. O'Hare, who was in charge of the Senator's bookkeeping from May, 1961, until Jan. 31, 1966, said in a telephone interview that whenever he billed more than once for a trip it was expressly on the instructions of Mr. Dodd.

"Any double billing which occurred," Mr. O'Hare said, "was because the Senator was aware that he was receiving travel expenses from some organization, and that the travel was also being paid by a Senate committee or his own campaign committee."

After published reports last Friday that Mr. Dodd had billed both the Los Angeles Junior Chamber of Commerce and the Senate Juvenile Delinquency Subcommittee for \$320.78 to cover the cost of an airplane round trip from Washington to Los Angeles in February, 1964, the Connecticut Democrat issued a statement that said:

"The Los Angeles Junior Chamber of Commerce had asked me to be the principal speaker at their annual banquet [on Feb. 27] and they had expressed the hope that Mrs. Dodd would accompany me . . . My office evidently assumed that Mrs. Dodd's air transportation would be paid by the chamber, and the payment was for her transportation."

Says Aide Had Responsibility

Mr. Dodd went on to say Mr. O'Hare had been given "absolute responsibility" for allocating expenses and he himself "did not have the time to review Mr. O'Hare's work."

"At that time, of course, he had my complete trust and confidence," Mr. Dodd said. "As subsequent events concerning the theft of documents indicates, such trust and confidence were badly misplaced."

The following day, last Saturday, there were published reports that Mrs. Dodd's fare had also been submitted to Edward Sullivan for payment out of an account in Hartford, in which had been deposited proceeds

from "testimonials" to the Senator. Mr. Sullivan is in charge of the Senator's Hartford office.

John F. Sonnett, the Senator's counsel, issued a statement saying that "a thorough review of the expense allocation by Michael V. O'Hare" was being made.

Mr. Sonnett expressed confidence that if any error was made "it was due to Senator Dodd's misplaced confidence" in Mr. O'Hare.

Replying to these charges today, Mr. O'Hare said:

"Just prior to the 1963 'Dodd Day' in Connecticut [on Oct. 26], we had a reception and cocktail party in the District of Columbia [on Sept. 15]. He told me at that time that from now on I was to forward all hotel, travel and club bills, any Congressional office expenses, such as for the recording studio and the Senate restaurant, to Ed Sullivan, and we would pay them out of funds he had."

Dodd Day Affairs

Mr. O'Hare said he began sending to Mr. Sullivan periodically a list of such bills for payment "right after Dodd Day." On this day there was a breakfast in Hartford, a luncheon in Woodbridge, two cocktail parties in Fairfield County and a dinner in Bridgeport.

In public testimony before the Senate ethics committee, which is investigating charges of misconduct against Mr. Dodd, Mr. O'Hare admitted that he had joined the Senator's former administrative assistant and former secretary, James P. Boyd Jr., and Marjorie Carpenter, in taking documents from the Senator's files, photocopying them and turning the copies over to the columnists Drew Pearson and Jack Anderson.

Included in the documents is a letter from Mr. O'Hare to Mr. Sullivan, dated Nov. 16, 1965, three weeks after the Dodd Day. It reads:

"Dear Ed:

"Enclosed are some of the bills which the Senator would like you to pay out of the Hartford account. The amounts to be paid are as follows:

"American Airlines . . .	\$3,018.43
N. Y. Athletic Club . . .	181.65
The Hartford Club . . .	139.44
Conn. News Clipping Service . . .	48.70
The Hartford Courant . . .	5.46
The Norwich Bulletin . . .	9.05

\$3,403.18

"The American Airlines bill is quite a bit overdue, so that should be paid as soon as possible. I will probably be sending you more bills next week.

"Regards from all.

"Sincerely yours,

"MICHAEL V. O'HARE."

Later Lists of Bills

Another list of bills, which Mr. O'Hare sent to Mr. Sullivan on Feb. 22, 1964, included:

Senate recording studio . . .	\$1,196.96
American Airlines . . .	2,065.71
Humble Oil and Refining 341-767-6834 . . .	118.75
Gulf Oil Corporation 431-697-192 . . .	112.29
Texaco 15-233-6758-7 . . .	202.05
Essex House . . .	45.50
Carriage House . . .	15.47
American Express . . .	51.03
Hartford Club . . .	47.55
Congressional Country Club . . .	131.13

The Essex House is the New York City hotel; the Carriage House is a Washington restaurant, and the Congressional Country Club is in Washington.

Another list totaling \$2,402.91, submitted on May 2, 1964, included \$176.40 for "Schneider's Liquors," a Washington liquor store at 300 Massachusetts Avenue, N. E. It is against the law in the District of Columbia to sell liquor on credit.

A list totaling \$2,485.31, submitted to Mr. Sullivan on July 1, 1964, included \$39.78 for the Congressional Country Club, \$23.10 for the Summit Hotel and \$851.20 for the Senate restaurant.

A list submitted on Aug. 1, 1964, included a bill from American Airlines for \$870.11 (which included two round-trip tickets to Miami on June 10, totaling \$167.06), and a bill from the Galt Ocean Mile Hotel in Florida for \$96.67.

A list submitted on Oct. 10, 1964, included a bill from Schneider's Liquors for \$129.19.

According to estimates made by Mr. Boyd, Mrs. Carpenter and Mr. O'Hare, the Dodd Day functions netted about \$43,000 after expenses were paid.

David Martin, the Senator's present administrative assistant, has told reporters that Mr. Dodd regarded the proceeds from this testimonial as personal gifts and not campaign contributions. As gifts, Mr. Martin explained, the receipts did not have to be reported as personal income for tax purposes.

Last night Senator Dodd released a telegram from Victor Stark, executive secretary of the Los Angeles Junior Chamber of Commerce, in reply to Mr. Dodd's telegraphed offer last Saturday to reimburse the chamber "if there was a misunderstanding" about "your intention to pay Mrs. Dodd's travel expenses."

Mr. Stark said Phillip Battaglia, the banquet chairman in 1964, and Neil Papiano, a member of the banquet committee and now president of the cham-

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ber, "recollect phone conversations with Mr. O'Hare at which it was understood that you would bring Mrs. Dodd and a member of your staff to Los Angeles and that we would reimburse an air fare."

He added that "there is no question of our wanting you to return the air fare which we paid in good faith."

Last Friday, in a telephone interview, Mr. Papiano said Mr. Dodd had suggested over the phone that "he would like to have his wife accompany him" and "later asked if we would pay any of his expenses that were not otherwise reimbursed, and we agreed."

Mrs. Dodd's fare was reimbursed by the Hartford account, and so was that of James Gartland, a political aide, who went on the trip.

In a letter to Mr. Stark on March 9, 1964, Mr. O'Hare said: "The cost of the air travel to Los Angeles for the Senator was \$320.78." He did not say "for Mrs. Dodd."

Dodd Deposition Taken

At a pre-trial deposition session today in Senator Dodd's \$2-million libel and conspiracy suit against Mr. Anderson and Mr. Pearson, the Senator refused, on advice of Mr. Sonnett, to answer any questions on campaign finances as "beyond the scope of the law suit."

The pretrial deposition of Mr. Boyd was concluded yesterday.

On May 28 Mr. Dodd dropped 10 of the 14 contentions in his suit, most of them relating to allegations that he had diverted campaign funds to his own use and accepted compensation from companies for which he had done favors.

Most of the remaining contentions relate to allegations that he received gifts from Julius Klein, a Chicago public relations man, in return for helping Mr. Klein retain his German clients.